(a) the total amount of funds allocated to the North-Eastern States during the Ninth Five Year Plan; State-wise;

(b) the total amount of Tribal Sub-Plan of the North-Eastern States for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, State-wise; and

(c) how far Government are convinced regarding the utilization of the Tribal Welfare Funds?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Assam, Manipur, Tripura are TSP States. The toal amount of Tribal Sub Plan of these States for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is as follows:

Flow to TSP

(Rs. in crores)

	1999-2000	2000-2001
Assam	124.66	136.54
Manipur	198.64	257.54
Tripura	145.64	172.88

(c) Usually, grants to the States are released after receipt of utilization certificates for the grants released during the previous years. Periodical meetings with the Ministers and Secretaries in charge of tribal development in the States/UTs are also held to monitor the manner of utilization of funds by the States/UTs. Moreover, monitoring is also done by field visits of the officials of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Literacy among ST women in Karnataka

128. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Karnataka where literacy among ST women is less than ten per cent;

(b) whether Government are providing full assistance for setting up of educational complexes in these districts; and

(c) the amount released so far during 2001-2002 to Karnataka

under the above special scheme to promote tribal female literacy?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) As per 1991 Census, the districts of Raichur and Gulburga have less than 10% literacy among ST women.

(b) Yes Sir. The scheme of educational complex in low literacy pockets for Development of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas provides for 100% grant-in-aid.

(c) No amount during 2001-2002 has been released so far for want of any proposal from the State Government.

Sale of minor girls belonging to Lambada Tanda and other Tribes

129. SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the dust of the recently reported sale of infants by orphanages in Andhra Pradesh had not yet settled, rackets involving sale of minor girls belonging to Lambada Tanda and other tribes came to the fore in May this year;

(b) if so, the number of details of sale of girls that came to light since March this year in Andhra Pradesh and elsewhere in the country, indicating their *modus-operandi;* and

(c) what effective steps have been taken by Central Government to prevent such practices?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) There have been some reports of irregular activities of orphanages in Andhra Pradesh and the State Government is conducting a detailed investigation into the matter.

(c) The Government has written to all State Governments from time to time regarding streamlining of adoption procedures, action against illegal adoption homes, licensing of all orphanages and adoption homes, setting up of State Advisory Boards and State Adoption Cells, action for curbing illegal activities in the field of adoption and conduction of joint inspections of Adoption Homes.